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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:)
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Kenneth MARGON) Group Art Unit: 2665
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Application Number: 09/482,054) Examiner: Steven H. D. NGUYEN
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Filed: January 13, 2000)
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
SINGLE-POINT TO FIXED-)
MULTIPOINT DATA)
COMMUNICATION)

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all rejections in the outstanding Office Action in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-61, 64-71, 74-77, 80, and 81 are presently pending. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time, Notice of Appeal, and the requisite fees.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 19, 24-25, 32-35, 40, 46, 50, 55-57, 61, 66, 68-71, 74, 76-77, and 80 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,682,604 to Kashi et al. ("Kashi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,012,469 to Sardana. Particularly, the Office Action contends that Kashi discloses all limitations recited in the rejected claims except for the limitation(s) directed to dividing a clear access interval into a plurality of time slots, wherein each time slot is assigned to a particular station. Office Action, page 3, item 5. In an attempt to cure such a deficiency in Kashi, the Office Action introduces Sardana as disclosing a reservation protocol featuring a plurality of reservation mini-slots during a reservation interval and for enabling remote stations to transmit transmission time reservation

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